

REMARKS

Applicants note with appreciation that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on October 27, 2008, in which claims 1-3 and 6 were allowed. Upon review of the Examiner's amendment, however, Applicants noted an issue with the Examiner's amendment to claim 6. The Examiner's Amendment recites that the 802.1X protocol-based device comprises an "authentication server." However, the 802.1X protocol-based device does not need to *comprise* an authentication server. FIG. 1 of the present application shows that the 802.1X protocol-based device may be authenticated using an authentication server, but the authentication server does not need to be recited as part of the 802.1X protocol-based device. Therefore, Applicants have removed this language from claim 6. In addition to this change, claim 6 has been amended to refer to a Radius server instead of an authentication server, so as to be consistent with the recitation of the Radius server recited at line 16 of claim 6. These amendments are not believed to have an effect on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. No new matter has been added.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to deposit account No. 23/2825.

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